

# CITY OF THE LIVING GOD

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YE SHALL BE WITNESSES

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In dedication to all the soul-winners that need a Bible study on the believer's born-again disposition to become a witness to the world.

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*“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth” (Acts. 1:8).*

One of the natural results of receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is the urge to share your story with others of how God brought you into his Church and filled you with his Spirit. The anointing of the Spirit that takes place in the new born again believer empowers him/her to be what the Bible calls a “witness” to share their experience with others. There is no coincidence that this empowerment takes place after that God fills the believer with his Spirit with evidence of speaking in other tongues. God anoints the tongue to be used to speak the wonderful works of God.

# THE EMPOWERMENT

It is no coincidence that when the disciples received the baptism of the Spirit, they caused so much noise that a very large gathering took place with the final results of 3000 new believers. Their experience brought in the multitudes. So, the receiving of the Spirit was not only for salvation, but it was for empowerment to testify to others.

## Acts 2:1-4

*“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”*

## Acts 2:6-7

*“Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?”*

Not only is the receiving of the Spirit of God an integral part of the salvation message, but it is the good news that it is promised to all beginning with your family, friends, and everyone else.

## Acts 2:38-41

*“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.”*

# THE COMMISSIONING

Some of the last words of Jesus before he ascended up into heaven show the great emphasis that he made on reaching the world with the gospel.

## **Mark 16:15**

*“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”*

## **Matthew 28:18-20**

*“And Jesus came and said to them, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (ESV).*

## **Luke 24:46-49**

*“Then He said to them, Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high” (ESV).*

# WE ARE WITNESSES

Part of the empowerment and commissioning includes the fact that God not only made us a witness with our words, but also by our lifestyle. He called us to be part of his church so that he could make our lives a light to others. He wants our light to shine so brightly that others are attracted to you.

### **Acts 13:47**

*“I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth” (ESV).*

### **1 Peter 2:9**

*“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.”*

### **Matthew 5:14-16**

*“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”*

Oftentimes people are worried about speaking to others about their experience. This feeling usually dissipates quickly when you start to speak with others and the Spirit of God starts to give you the wisdom on what to say.

### **Luke 12:11-12**

*“Now when they bring you to the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say. For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say” (NKJV).*

## **IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY**

While God is actively reaching and intervening for the salvation of souls, he uses us to do much of the work. He has chosen men and women

to become his hands and feet to reach the lost. If we are not going to listen to him when he want us to speak to someone, then who will?

### **Romans 10:14-15**

*“How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!”” (NKJV).*

**Have you started to share your experience with others? Have you noticed that God was empowering you to speak to them? How did you feel when you finished sharing the gospel to them?**



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